



# Transit Planning Board

WORKING TOGETHER – CONNECTING OUR REGION

## TPB Basics

### Established by joint resolutions of

- Atlanta Regional Commission
- Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
- Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

**Inaugural meeting on February 16, 2006**

**Bylaws adopted on April 20, 2006**

**Work Plan adopted on August 17, 2006**

## TPB's Purpose & Work Plan

The Transit Planning Board (TPB) is a partnership leading the establishment and maintenance of a seamless, integrated transit network for the Atlanta region. Specifically, TPB will:

- Develop a regional transit plan including a comprehensive financial plan;
- Work to improve regional service coordination, including integrating fares, marketing and customer information;
- Measure system performance; and,
- Advocate for increased federal funding for regional transit.

## Transit Planning Board Members

### Chairman

- Eldrin Bell, Clayton County Chairman

### Vice-Chairman

- Douglas Tollett (Governor's Appointee)

### Other Gubernatorial Appointees

- Lara O'Connor Hodgson
- Pam Sessions

### Agency Representatives

- GDOT Chair, Mike Evans
- GRTA Chair, Walter Deriso
- MARTA Acting Chair, Michael Walls
- MARTA General Manager, Beverly Scott

### Local Elected Officials

- Atlanta Mayor, Shirley Franklin
- Cherokee County Chair, Buzz Ahrens
- Cobb County Chair, Sam Olens
- DeKalb County CEO, Vernon Jones
- Douglas County Chair, Tom Worthan
- Fayette County Chair, Jack Smith
- Fulton County Chair, John Eaves
- Gwinnett County Chair, Charles Bannister
- Henry County Chair, Jason Harper
- Rockdale County Chair, Roy Middlebrooks
- Spalding County Chair, Eddie Freeman



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. What is the Transit Planning Board?

A. The Transit Planning Board (TPB) is a joint venture between the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA). It was established through joint resolution of the governing boards of the three agencies. The TPB was created as a result of the lack of a clear institutional and financing structure to expand transit in the Atlanta region. Its primary mission is the creation of a regional transit plan and, subsequently, a new regional source of funds to implement and operate the system. Short term, the TPB will also function as a forum for coordination of transit services. The TPB was created as a result of the Regional Transit Institutional Analysis undertaken by ARC.

### Q. Who comprises the Transit Planning Board?

A. The TPB is made up of representatives from the three member agencies as well as local governments, gubernatorial appointees and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Board members include the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, the DeKalb County CEO, the County Commission Chairs of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale, and Spalding Counties, the Board Chairs of GDOT, GRTA and MARTA, the General Manager of MARTA, and three Gubernatorial Appointees.

### Q. How are the activities of the Transit Planning Board funded?

A. The TPB is funded through contributions of local funds and formula federal transit dollars, as well as in kind services and staff from the three agencies.

### Q. Does the Transit Planning Board have an office?

A. The TPB office is located adjacent to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority. Offices are at 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE in Suite 800 of the Marquis One building in Peachtree Center. The offices are convenient to the Peachtree Center MARTA rail station (N1) as well as most local and express bus routes that serve downtown Atlanta.

### Q. Does the Transit Planning Board have staff?

A. There are three direct employees of the TPB. The Staff Director, Cheryl King, reports directly to the TPB Board. Lisa Lee is the Executive Assistant who keeps the office running smoothly, and John Crocker provides technical staff support. Other support staff are allocated from the three agencies and loaned to the TPB effort.

### Q. How is the Transit Planning Board Organized?

A. The TPB has two board level committees. There is a Planning and Funding Committee and an Operations and Oversight Committee. Additionally there is a staff level Technical Committee which has several subcommittees including the Regional Transit Operators Council, Marketing Coordination Committee and Performance Measures Committee.

### Q. When does the Transit Planning Board meet?

A. The Transit Planning Board and its Board Committees meet on a bi-monthly schedule. Generally, the Board or Board Committees meet the fourth Thursday of every month, except in exceptional circumstances. The Regional Transit Operators Council meets every first Wednesday at 1:30 PM with the Marketing Coordination and Performance Measures Committees meeting on a quarterly basis.

### Q. How do I contact the Transit Planning Board and make my concerns known?

A. The TPB is always interested in public feedback. The first ten minutes of a TPB Board meeting are set aside for public comment, and written comments are always welcome. Comments may be addressed to Transit Planning Board, 245 Peachtree Center Ave NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303 or e-mailed to [tpb@grta.org](mailto:tpb@grta.org).